GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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OUTSTANDING DUES AGAINST POWER HOUSES/SEBs
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of Railways outstanding against the power houses/State Electricity Boards as on June 30, 2005; and

(b) the steps taken by the Railways to recover these outstanding dues?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) The amount of Railways outstanding against the power houses/State Electricity Boards as on June 30, 2005 is Rs.1480 crore.

(b) The steps taken by the Railways to recover these outstanding dues are as under:

(1) Close monitoring of recovery of outstanding dues is done at all levels by holding meetings with the representatives of State Electricity Boards (SEBs) / Power Houses. Special drives for clearance of outstanding dues are launched from time to time.

(2) State Electricity Boards / Power Houses are being encouraged to adopt the pre-payment scheme of freight for carriage of coal.

(3) Extension of facility of Electronic Payment Gateway to all major customers including SEBs.

(4) Adjustment of dues outstanding from State Electricity Boards / Power Houses is done against traction bills payable to them by the Railways.

(5) Meetings are also held with Secretaries of the concerned Ministries.